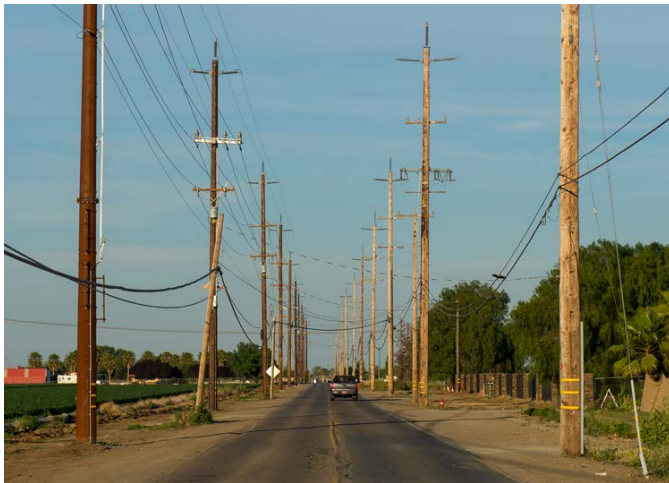


Brentwood's Balfour Road widening project set to begin

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Crews will soon begin a two-phase, roadway-widening project along Balfour Road in unincorporated Brentwood, which is expected to improve safety for motorists and bicyclists.

The project – slated to increase the size of the travel lanes and shoulders of a 3-mile stretch of road between Sellers Avenue in Brentwood and Bixler Road in Discovery Bay – will begin in late June or early July and last until the end of November, said Adelina Huerta, project manager.

The current 18- to 20-foot roadway width will be expanded to 36 feet, including a 12-foot-wide travel lane, 6-foot-wide shoulder and 2-foot-wide shoulder backing in each direction. The stretch of roadway sees significant daily traffic as a commuter route to Highway 4.

“The project will improve this segment of Balfour Road by providing standard travel lanes and shoulder widths that meet current county design standards,” said Julia R. Bueren, public works director.

The work also calls for left-turn pockets to be added on the eastern and western segments of Balfour Road at the intersection of Balfour and Byron Highway, and a left-turn pocket on the western segment of Balfour at the intersection of Balfour and Bixler Roads.

“The widened shoulders will provide a driver-recovery area and a bike lane in each direction of travel on this segment of roadway,” Bueren said.

The work will be completed in two phases, beginning with the Bixler Road to Byron Highway portion and followed by the section from Byron Highway to Sellers Avenue. In both cases, motorists can expect delays, as westbound traffic will stay on Balfour Road and eastbound traffic will be detoured to local streets.

In addition, about 90 Pacific Gas and Electric poles, as well as telephone lines on the south side of Balfour Road, will be removed and reinstalled on the north side of the road to accommodate construction.

The \$5.7 million project will be paid for with Discovery Bay West Traffic Mitigation funds.

For more information and updates, visit www.cccounty.us/pwdmap.